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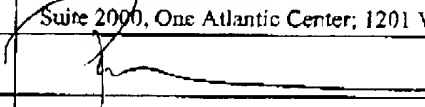
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 13, 2002, please consider the following remarks. It is believed that no fee is required with this submission. However, should a fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1868.

Response to Restriction Requirement

1. In the Office Action mailed June 13, 2002, the claims were divided into two groups, Group I, claims 1-18, drawn to methods of producing poly(hydroxy fatty acids) (PHF) with at least one subunit that are dependent upon recombinant bacteria comprising at least one fragment of the PHF synthase gene from *T. pfennigii*; Group II, claims 23-30, drawn to PHFs that are obtainable by the methods of Group I.

In response, applicants elect Group I, claims 1-18, without traverse.

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Please cancel claims 23-30.

Favorable consideration of claims 1-18 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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